

Included with this amendment is an appendix containing a certified English translation of German patent application number 199 07 831.9, which was filed February 24, 1999.

Please amend the Application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16 and 20 without prejudice.

Please amend the Claims as follows.

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The molding composition according to Claim 44 17, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said alkaline earth metal sulfate and/or said oxide in each case has an average particle size of up to 200 nm.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The molding composition according to Claim 44 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the quantity of the flame retardant is from 0.001 to 5.0 wt.% in relation to the total weight of the molding composition.

7-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A process for the preparation of a molding composition according to Claim 44 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said flame retardant, ~~and~~ alkaline earth metal sulfate, ~~and/or~~ oxide, ~~and as well as an~~ optionally fluorinated hydrocarbon are mixed with the amorphous thermoplastic polymers ~~which are to be equipped to be flame resistant.~~

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Molded~~ A molded body comprising the thermoplastic ~~molding~~ molding composition ~~according to~~ of Claim 44 17.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A process for the production of a molded body according to Claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the molding composition is processed by extrusion or injection molding to form molded bodies.

13-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic molding composition comprising:

- (a) an amorphous thermoplastic polymer;
- (b) at least one flame retardant ~~corresponding to~~ represented by the general formula (I),



in which

R is a straight-chain or branched aliphatic radical having 1 to 30 carbon atoms or an aromatic radical having 6 to 30 carbon atoms ,

M is any cation, and

n is a number corresponding to the valence of M, and

- (c) at least one of,
  - (i) an alkaline earth metal sulfate having an average particle size of up to 400 nm, and being selected from at least one of MgSO<sub>4</sub>, SrSO<sub>4</sub> and BaSO<sub>4</sub>, and/or

- (ii) ~~one~~ an oxide having an average particle size of up to 400 nm, and being selected from at least one of  $\text{GeO}_2$ ,  $\text{PbO}$ ,  $\text{PbO}_2$ ,  $\text{CeO}_2$ ,  $\text{Ce}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{SnO}$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2$ ,  $\text{ZrO}_2$ ,  $\text{HfO}_2$ ,  $\text{Sc}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$ .

18. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 17, wherein the flame retardant is at least partially halogenated.

19. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 17, wherein the flame retardant is at least partially fluorinated.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The molding composition of Claim ~~20~~ 17, wherein the alkaline earth metal sulfate is barium sulfate.

22. (Currently Amended) The molding composition of Claim 17, wherein the alkaline earth metal sulfate and/or the oxide ~~has~~ each independently have an average particle size of approximately 5 to 40 nm.

23. (Currently Amended) The molding composition of Claim 17, wherein at least one of the alkaline earth metal sulfate and/or the oxide ~~is~~ are present in a quantity of from 0.001 to 2.0 wt.% in relation to the total weight of the composition.

24. (Previously Presented) The molding composition of Claim 17, wherein the quantity of the flame retardant is from 0.05 to 0.5 wt.%, in relation to the total weight of the composition.

25. (Previously Presented) The molding composition of Claim 17, further comprising polytetrafluoroethylene.

26. (Previously Presented) The molding composition of Claim 25, wherein the quantity of the polytetrafluoroethylene is from 0.001 to 0.5 wt.% in relation to the total weight of the composition.

27. (Previously Presented) A molded article comprising the composition of Claim 17.